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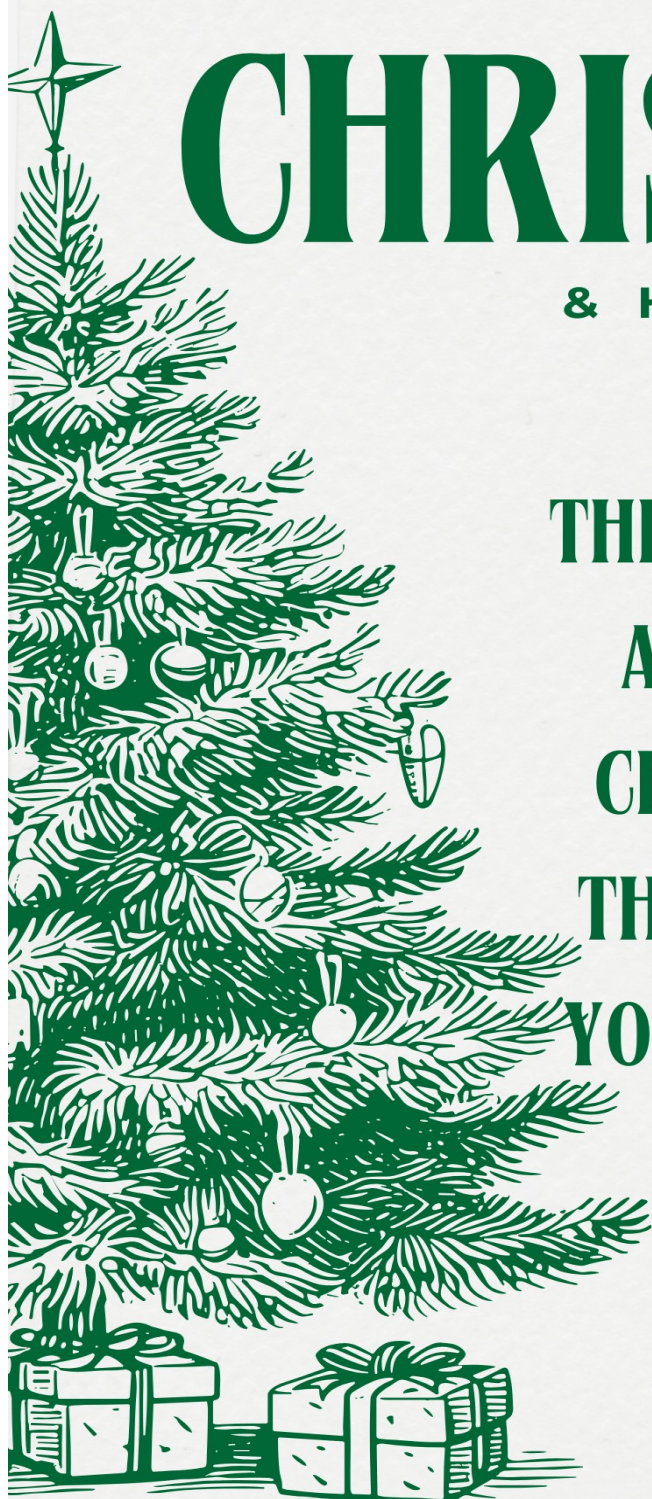
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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR



THE SHIRE WISHES YOU
ALL A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND MAY
THE NEW YEAR BRING
YOU LOTS OF JOY AND
HAPPINESS!

NOTHING EVER HAPPENS IN WESTONIA...





Community Action and Wellbeing



Tidy Towns
Sustainable Communities
Winner 2024

Sponsored by
RURAL (aid)
For our mates in the bush

Westonia
Westonia Wellbeing

Regional and remote community initiatives

The image shows a sign for the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Winner 2024 award. The sign features a logo with a sun, a bird, and a tree. Below the logo, it says 'Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Winner 2024'. There are also logos for 'WASTE ACTIVITY' and 'RURAL (aid)'. Below the sign, it says 'Sponsored by RURAL (aid) For our mates in the bush'. To the left of the sign is a photograph of a public facility in Westonia with a sign that says 'WESTONIA'. Below the photograph, it says 'Westonia Westonia Wellbeing' and 'Regional and remote community initiatives'.





MERRY CHRISTMAS
 &
 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**THE SHIRE OF WESTONIA
 WILL CLOSE AT 5PM ON
 FRIDAY THE 20TH OF
 DECEMBER 2024 AND
 REOPEN ON THURSDAY
 THE 2ND OF JANUARY
 2025.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
 SEEING YOU ALL IN THE
 NEW YEAR!**



THE TIME HAS COME!!

THE WESTONIA PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL WILL BE
 OPENING ON FRIDAY THE 13TH OF DECEMBER FOR
 THE SEASON!

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY - 3-7PM
 (SCHOOL HOLIDAYS) - 11AM-7PM
 WEEKENDS - 11AM-7PM

IT WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS;

- ❄️ EACH TUESDAY
- ❄️ CHRISTMAS DAY
- ❄️ BOXING DAY
- ❄️ NEW YEARS DAY



Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban

THE **SHIRE OF WESTONIA** HAS IMPOSED
 A HARVEST, VEHICLE/MACHINERY
 MOVEMENT, & HOT WORKS BAN ON
 THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

- **Christmas Day**
- **Boxing Day**
- **New Years Day**





MERRY CHRISTMAS
 &
 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SENIORS SUNDOWNER

This year rather than holding a Christmas lunch for the seniors, it was decided the Shire would host a Very Merry Seniors Sundowner which was held on Thursday the 5th of December at the Wanderers Stadium, 53 current and past residents joined in and had a lovely evening, enjoying a four course meal whilst catching up with friends, with very full bellies the evening was a success and everyone left hoping the Sundowner will continue for years to come. A sincere thankyou to Fred who gave up most of his day to slow cook the delicious ribs and beef for the sliders, Ainslie who kept the office girls in line in the kitchen and Jae who helped Heather keep everyone hydrated. Thank you to all that were able to make the evening and it was a pleasure to host this event.



westonia
craft group

We had a fabulous Monday completing our hand made Christmas Gifts for friends and family.

This year has been very successful in the sewing room, we took on various projects for different charity groups, which were received gratefully.

From the group... we wish everyone in our community a safe and happy Christmas!





Happy Birthday!



1st December: Ada Barnett
3rd December: Steve Hale
**7th December: Makayla Geier,
Shaun Crees**
9th December: Clare Lemoignan
10th December: Isabel Hage
17th December: Ned Millington

**21st December: Mark Crees, John
Townrow**
24th December: Harold Millington
26th December: Kay Geier
28th December: Dan Barnett
30th December: Laura Black



**LAURAS FIRST
VISIT IN 2025 WILL
BE ON TUESDAY
THE 7TH JANUARY**




**HAVE YOU BEEN
DIAGNOSED WITH
DIABETES?**

**Book in to see Nurse
Practitioner Laura Black
in January 2025 to have
your annual fasting
blood test and a general
check up**



christmas cocktail

SANTA CLAUSMOPOLITAN INGREDIENTS

-  90ML VODKA
-  30ML TRIPLE SEC
-  60ML LIME JUICE
-  120ML CRANBERRY JUICE
-  30ML PINEAPPLE JUICE

**ADD ALL INGREDIENTS TO YOUR SHAKER AND ADD
PLENTY OF ICE**

**GIVE IT A GOOD SHAKE AND STRAIN INTO YOUR
MARTINI GLASS**

**GARNISH WITH CRUSHED UP CANDY CANES AND
ENJOY!**



WESTONIA BOWLING CLUB

Westonia Bowling Club

The Simmonds Family Trophy Day saw an unprecedented 32 people attending to celebrate the day. We had 21 players on the green with four new bowlers, Inis and Hans from Germany, Hillary Stephens and his friend Roger all joining in the social day. The winners for the day were Bill, Ross, Marie and Inis. Runners up were Kay, Roger and Michael.



The day was followed by a dinner of steak and chips cooked by our esteemed President Mark Crees and cook extraordinaire Fred Faithfull.

Unfortunately, the Ladies Open Day scheduled to be played on Sunday the 15th has been cancelled due to lack of participants. We will have social bowls instead. The next big day will be the Johnston Family Skins and Xmas Party on the 22nd December.



Just a reminder to players who have ordered uniforms they can be picked up and paid for at the stadium on Sundays or contact Ainslie to pick up.

Pennants

Our ladies had a hard tussle with the Tammin girls on Wednesday 27th and eventually came away with a win 44 points 3.5, to 36 points .5. We have two byes and then the next challenge for 2024 will be Corrigin Gold playing Westonia on the 18th December at Corrigin.

Our men's pennant team went down to Bruce Rock at the stadium 86, 7 points to 61 1 point on the 30th November. The team of Brian Johnston, Daimon Geier, Bill Price and skipper Shaun Crees being the only team from Westonia to have a win. We had visitors from down South and our good friends Gail and Reg Woods cheering our boys on which made up for the loss. The next game was played at Narembeen on the 7th December. Narembeen



won the day with 102, 8 points to Westonia 66, 0 points. The last game for this year will be at the stadium on 14th December when the Merredin Club is hoping to come away with another win against our boys. Members of the public are welcome to come down and cheer on our men.

WESTONIA BOWLING CLUB

On the Road Again

Sunday 1st December saw Bob Lockyer travel to Shackleton for interleague practice and selection. Shaun Crees, who was also selected to compete was unable to attend. Well done to Bob who was selected to Play in the interleague fours.



Kay, Ainslie, Lesley

Downsborough and Marie travelled to Corrigin on the 6th December for the Corrigin Ladies Open Day. Well done ladies, as they came away with the 3rd round winner and Lesley also won a raffle. Heather Lockyer also played in the Kondinin Team on the day and also snagged a raffle.



MERRY
Christmas
FROM THE WESTONIA TAVERN

Ian & Cindy would like to thank the community and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The last day will be Saturday 21st December 2024, and reopening on Monday 6th January 2025 Takeaways will be available daily during this period, between 6-8PM. Contact Amy on 0467 648 253



Thank You

Thank you to Ramelius Resources and the Edna May Village for providing meals on wheels to a handful of our locals throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated



WESTONIA COMMUNITY CO-OPERATIVE



Christmas Opening Hours



TUESDAY 24TH—8:30AM - 4:30PM

WEDNESDAY 25TH—CLOSED

THURSDAY 26TH—CLOSED PAPERS OUT THE FRONT

FRIDAY 27TH - 9.00AM - 1PM

SATURDAY 28TH - 9.00AM - 11AM

SUNDAY 29TH - CLOSED

MONDAY 30TH - 9.00AM—12PM

TUESDAY 31ST - 9.00AM—12PM

MONDAY 1ST JAN— CLOSED PAPERS OUT THE FRONT

2ND—24TH JANUARY—9.00AM—3PM (SHORTENED HOURS)

25TH JANUARY—9.00AM-12PM

26TH JANUARY 2025 AUSTRALIA DAY—CLOSED

MONDAY 27TH JAN—CLOSED PAPERS OUT THE FRONT

28TH JANUARY— BACK TO NORMAL HOURS

**THANK YOU ALL FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT
AND SEE YOU AGAIN IN 2025**

WESTONIA MAGNESIUM CLAY
HAVE U GOT SANDY SOILS?
Sand Has LOW Magnesium
Plants NEED Magnesium
Plants EAT Magnesium
Fertiliser has NO Magnesium
(Crushed AG MAG)
It's VIAGRA for Sandy Soils
AND it NEUTRALISES - Ph 9.4
LIMITED Stocks \$30/ tonne +GST
Ph Edd - 0428467766

Local Natural & Works Best
 Ps check out my band "Talkin Horses" u tube
 and spotify, New Album is called Stoker



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 A vibrant community lifestyle

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DEPUTY CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Michael Crook | 0428 449 004

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Shaun Crees | 0428 447 057

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Steve Lemoignan | 0428 449 002

SHIRE FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Bill Price | 0427 467 063

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Can you host a couple of medical students for three nights?

Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program
 TUESDAY 11 TO FRIDAY 14 MARCH 2025

Share what living in the Wheatbelt is like with doctors of the future

One hundred medical students will be coming to the Wheatbelt in March 2025.

During their stay, they will visit local farms, industry, general practices, hospitals and schools, and participate in community activities.

We need you to provide real-life experiences that will give them an understanding of what it is like to live in the Wheatbelt and perhaps inspire them to become rural doctors.

The students will visit the following towns:

- Bruce Rock
- Cunderdin
- Kellerberrin
- Merredin
- Narrogin
- Southern Cross
- Tammin
- Westonia

As a host, we will ask you to provide accommodation for two or three students, to assist with transporting them to/from town, and share what it is like to live in your town with the students. You are invited to come along to a Thank You Dinner with the students on the Thursday night.

Why host?

This is a life-changing experience for the students, with many having no previous exposure to rural life or the Wheatbelt.

By providing these rural immersion opportunities early in their degree, it has been proven that students are:

- more likely to explore rural career opportunities; and
- better able to provide patient-centred care to rural people.

Some students, who have previously been hosted through this program, continue to keep in touch and visit their host families, some return to do seasonal work and placements, others have joined mentoring programs, some have inspired host family members to pursue tertiary studies in health and medicine, and numerous students are now doctors in the Wheatbelt and other parts of rural/remote WA and Australia.

For further information, contact **Rural Health West:**

T 08 6389 4567
 E futureworkforce@ruralhealthwest.com.au

We want to hear from you if you would like to host, even if you need the students to roll out a swag in the living room.



HOLYOAKE

ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?



PHONE-BASED SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH:

LIFELINE - 13 11 14

BEYOND BLUE - 1300 224 636

HERE FOR YOU - 1800 437 348

SUICIDE CALLBACK SERVICE - 1300 659 467

1800RESPECT - 1800 737 732 (Family & Domestic Violence)

RURAL LINK - 1800 552 002

MENSLINE - 1300 789 978

13YARN - 13 92 76

PHONE-BASED SUPPORT FOR ALCOHOL & DRUG USE:

ALCOHOL & DRUG (AOD) SUPPORT LINE - 1800 198 024

(AOD) PARENT & FAMILY SUPPORT LINE - 1800 653 203

METH HELPLINE - 1800 874 878

GAMBLING HELP ONLINE - 1800 858 858

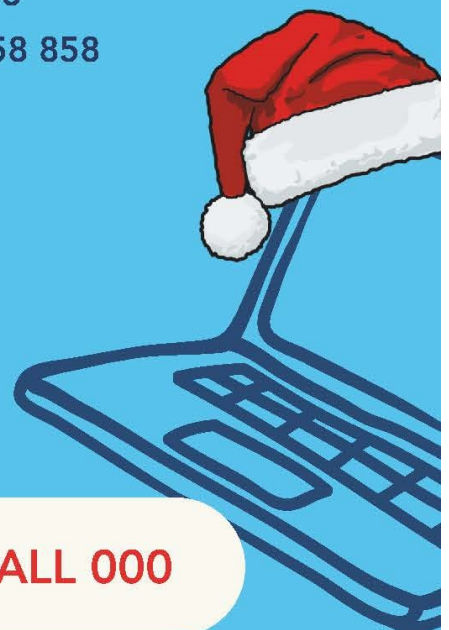
WEB-BASED SUPPORT:

LIFELINE - www.lifeline.org.au

BEYOND BLUE - www.beyondblue.org.au

MENSLINE - www.mensline.org.au






1800RESPECT - www.1800respect.org.au



IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY CALL 000



December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Sewing Room - Xmas Gift Sewing Day. Commencing at 9AM	3 D S C R A B B L E Y  LAURA DAY	4	5 B I N G O Seniors Sundowner	6 Hydro Pool- Bus leaves Med Centre at 8:45AM	7
8	9	10 D S C R A B B L E Y  LAURA DAY	11	12 B I N G O	13 Hydro Pool- Bus leaves Med Centre at 8:45AM Expert Hearing Clinic Visit	14
15	16	17 D S C R A B B L E Y  LAURA DAY	18 Robyn's Beauty Salon 	19 B I N G O	20 SHIRE OFFICE CLOSED, REOPEN ON THE 2ND OF JAN	21 Westonia Tavern last day, reopening on the 6th of January
22	23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! 	26	27	28
29	30	31				

